Leys News

Issue 18 Spring 2000

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Legal advice
and lots more...

The FREE Community Newsletter for Blackbird Leys

Leys News Web Site coming soon

There was a good response from the last issue in December, when several people came forward with offers of help in designing a web site for Leys News. Thanks to all concerned. The project to build our site is now just beginning and we say thanks to Nick and Gareth for their positive support and help. Watch out for a web address by the summer issue.

Distributors

We're currently revamping our distribution system and we should be appointing a part time distribution manager in the near future. This reflects the amount of extra distribution work that we're now involved with. But we are always looking for new people to come forward as distributors. Let us know if you're interested. In this issue there is a page of local job opportunities – look out for them on page 13 and if you do respond say you saw it in Leys News.

Equal Opportunities

Leys News is actively committed to equal opportunities.

Board of Directors

Molly Florey (Chair),Enid Foster (Treasurer), Kathryn Grant, Jasper Smith, Wendy Spray and Penny Wood (Secretary).

Cover photo-illustration

Shows the new Blackbird at the Adventure Playground. Photo and artwork by Al Cane.

The Editorial Committee

Al Cane (Development Worker), Marion Delaney, Cynthia Fine, Molly Florey, Enid Foster, Wendy Spray, K, Patsy Spencer and Paul Vernon (design).

Thanks to our editorial committee for their help, suggestions and proofreading skills. We always have room for local people to come forward to join us. We meet twice over every issue at the Dovecote.

Training in Design

Leys News would like to hear from anyone interested in learning desk-top-publishing skills. This may lead to working on forthcoming issues of Leys News. All ages considered. May suit sixth-former with interest in design/print. Contact Al or Paul at the address above.

Advertising

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Half page	£100
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1/8 page	£25

Inserts £100 per 1000

Deadline for the 19th issue of Leys News: Wed 14th June.

Any contributions please saved in Word on disk if possible. Thanks. This Leys News will be coming out around the 8th of July.

Contributions

As always we encourage your ideas and suggestions for Leys News. Please keep them coming in. You can use our letterbox at the Dovecote or write to:

Leys News, The Dovecote, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 5BU.
Fax: 01865 777751
or Email: leysnews@hotmail.com

DOVECOTE EASTER PLAYSCHEME

Mon 17th April - Thur 20th April and Tue 25th April - Fri 28th April

£3 per child per day plus £1.50 for a day trip to Youlbury Scout Camp

Registration day will be at the Dovecote on **Friday 7th April 9.15 until 11am**

All fees must be paid on the day of registration
Only 24 spaces per week so be early!

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If you can help with translation, please call Al Cane on 0410 588 349.

Editorial

Here is the spring 2000 edition of Leys News, bursting with life as the lawnmowers sharpen their blades and have their motors tweaked. I could wax lyrical, on bluebells and daiseies, larks on the wing and the freshness of spring. I will resist!

Instead, join me in reading through Leys News issue 18 as we make the most of spring and look forward to the summer. There is a gardening contest coming up and news of other events on the horizon. I hope all who made the Irish Stew featured in the last edition enjoyed eating it as much as my family. More recipes, articles, ideas are wanted for future Leys News. Help keep it interesting and relevant by sending items to Al Cane.

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New and exciting Outreach Project in the Blackbird Leys Area For unemployed young people

For further details please call

Dolcie Obhiozele on 778800
(24 hr answerphone available)

This project is funded by Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council and The Employment Services

The Stadium Unbuilt

Following the personal appearance of Firoz Kassam at the February AGM of the Leys Residents Association all seemed set fair for the restart of the work on the stadium at last. In the last week there have been many developments, some of them in court which appear to have put not one but two spanners in the building works.

The High Court has agreed to allow developer Nick Pentith and the British Rail Property's Board a Judicial Review into the Club's plans for a multiplex cinema alongside the new stadium development at Minchery Farm. The Judge felt that Pentith and BRPB had a case that Oxford City Council had not followed the proper planning guidelines when they gave the Multiplex the go-ahead.

Oxford City Council have asked for the process for the Judicial Review to be speeded up and it could be completed as near as two months time, but it could take as long as six months.

Another hammer-blow was handed to the Club when Morrells of Oxford announced that they had served an injunction to prevent building work at the stadium because of a covenant restricting the sale of alcohol within half a mile of the Blackbird Public House. No wonder Mr Kassam was beginning to think about his involvement...

Shop for Greater Leys – to be or not to be!

Progress on the Spar shop to be built on Dunnock Way (next to Pathways) has been held up due to a reluctance by Morrells brewery to agree to let the new shop owners purchase their alcohol from any brewery other than Morrells. Andrew Smith MP has written to Morrells asking them to change their minds as otherwise the shop may not go ahead and a shop is desperately needed on Greater Leys.

Anyone interested in campaigning on this issue please contact Enid at the Leys Residents Association office tel 770951 or Jacob at the Advice Centre tel 770206.

Blackbird Leys Community Centre

It's safe to say that things are changing at the Centre, by the time Leys News goes to press an AGM will have been held and a new committee will have been elected to take the Centre forward into a new era of community involvement.

Explore the world

through your library

Blackbird Leys Library is now connected to the Internet and this means that you can use it for sending an email, doing some researching or going surfing.

Access to many core information sites is free, but there is a charge for email and general surfing.

If you're familiar you can go on-line straight away and if you're not library staff are happy to give you assistance. The library has produced a leaflet setting out the details. Come along and find out more.

The Farmstead

OPENING TIMES FOR HOUSING ASSOCIATION TENANTS

The Farmhouse is open from 9am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Ealing Family Housing Association staff will not be available between 10.00am and 2.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

Oxford Citizens Housing Association staff will not be available until 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

If you would like to see your Housing Officer PLEASE make an appointment wherever possible by phoning:

OCHA: 714509,

EFHA: 712244,

CHERWELL: 722711 or 717210 on Wednesdays 2 - 4pm.

With effect from May 2000 the Farmhouse will be closing at 4pm on friday afternoons.

Quality adventures

Congratulations to Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground on achieving a Level 1 Quality Assurance from the Kids Club Network. Well done to all the staff at the Playground for their hard work. in raising the standards of play provision.

More Community Resources Nearby

You may have already come across the Community Resource Centre on Horspath Road, just by the Ring Road. This new community facility opened last April to provide resources for the local community.

It's a dual purpose centre, which provides IT training facilities as well as legal, money and housing advice (including a monthly women's ethnic minority housing advice) surgeries as well as sessions by local city councillors.

There are basic computer training courses put on by Oxford Women's Training Scheme and Basic Skills. Easter and summer holiday day workshops and taster courses – all provided free.

To find out more ring Beverley Barrett on 458530.

Give it some OOMF!

Finale Sat July 1st 2000

Pageants and parades involving people from all corners of Oxfordshire will culminate in a spectacular finale in Oxford on the evening of Saturday 1st July 2000, with stunning visual and pyrotechnic displays plus a live specially composed musical score as dusk descends in South Park, Oxford.

OOMF! - Oxfordshire's own Millennium Festival - would like to invite people in Blackbird Leys to take part in Visual design workshops and music participation to tell the story of Oxfordshire at the South Park finale.

Register your interest and join the largest summer millennium celebration in the South East. Call Sue on 203345 or pop into the Central Library, Oxford and visit the Oxfordshire 2000 offices on the second floor.

Frys Hill Roman Mosaic Project

...is looking for volunteers to help construct the mosaic Contact Phil Jones tel 252823

Womens activities

Do you know about these women's activities at the Asian Cultural Centre?

All women welcome

Mondays

10.30 - 12 Housing and General Advice for Women (free)

11-12 Keep fit gentle exercise and body toning

12 - 1 Women's Lunch Club

1-3 Women's Urdu Class (free)

Tuesdays

1- 3 Sewing Class at the Asian Cultural Centre, Manzil Way, Cowley Road.

More information on 425000.

Tradeswomen

The Oxfordshire Register of Manual Tradeswomen was set up to provide a service to put customers in touch with Tradeswomen. The Register is a list of multi-talented women who have a wide range of skills such as carpentry, painting, decorating and property maintenance. We always welcome new members and meet at 8pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Temple Bar on Temple Street, off Cowley Road. We can also be contacted through the **Oxford Women's Training Scheme on 741317.**

Oxfordshire Cancer Services

Would you like to help influence cancer services in Oxfordshire? Are you a patient, carer, voluntary supporter or health professional?

An Oxfordshire Cancer Centre Advisory Group has been started to enable parents and carers to feed back ideas and suggestions on ways that any aspect of treatment can be improved or changed.

These ideas would then be passed on to the Cancer Project Board. We meet every 6 to 8 weeks at the Cancer Centre at the Churchill Hospital on weekday evenings.

The Advisory Group is a working, rather than a support group. To find out more phone the **Cancer Information Centre on 225084**, or write to them at the Churchill, Old Road Headington Oxford OX3 7LJ. Please mark your envelope 'Advisory Group' and enclose a sae for a quicker reply or phone the Community Health Council on 723569.

Frys Hill Training

If you are unwaged and living in Frys Hill you could be eligible for free computer training courses at the Cowley Training Centre thanks to a grant from Oxford City Council. Places are available on a range of courses that will get you started using a computer, word processing and using the Internet.

The courses are short and flexible and there is the possibility of getting a certificate which could help if you are looking for work.

To find out more about what is on offer contact Chris Miles on 776876

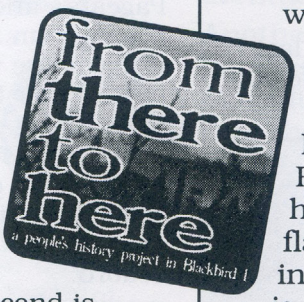
28 Beatles in Blackbird Leys!

In 1963 Redefield School held a charity talent show and all seven acts impersonated the Beatles, well it was 1963. The teachers hated it, but the children loved it. So who won? The Beatles of course. Does anyone remember this or have any photographs? Let us know if you do.

This was just one of the anecdotes that David Lewis, head teacher at Redefield School from 1963 until the school closed in 1982, told us when Leys News went to see him. Thanks also to Olga from Fry's Court for telling us the fascinating story of her life as well.

If there is anyone out there in Blackbird Leys with a story to tell. Please get in touch with us via the address printed on page 2.

Two important developments since the last issue are that Leys News has taken on John Foot (see right) to help us research and interview for the project and the second is that Leys News has been awarded a grant by the Co-op Community Award for the project.



John Foot introduces himself :

When the project "From There to Here" was first mooted , I wondered what I was getting into. No one has made a serious attempt at writing a social history of Blackbird Leys. References to the area have been far from flattering, unjustifiably, in my opinion. My name is John Foot and I have accepted the post of researching this project. Why me? well I have a background in history, an M.A. in research and, perhaps of equal importance, some years of living in the area. The time has come to stop watching what others write about us, and write our own story, in our own words and to challenge the preconceived ideas that others seem to have. To do this we need your help, if you are inclined, please help us to tell others about the REAL Blackbird Leys.

Could you be a missing "LINK"?

Age Concern Oxfordshire City and County is developing an innovative project to help older people in communities throughout the City. We are looking to extend the "Parish Links Project" to Oxford City. It's been running in rural areas for 2 years and provides an important role in getting help and support to older people where it's needed.

We are looking to get in touch with anyone who has good contacts with older people. If you could spare just a few hours a month to be a community "Link" person, we'd love to hear from you.

"Links" can volunteer themselves or be nominated by a local community group, tenants or residents association.

Anyone, no matter what their age, race or religion can be involved.

"Links" are provided with resources to help publicise the project to older people and are given full information about what's available.

If you feel you could become a "Link" or know of someone who could please contact Julian Backhouse at

Age Concern, Oxfordshire City & County, The Lodge, Rivermead Centre, Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4XD or call 240619.

Day Centres around Oxford, including Blackbird Leys are looking for caring volunteers who have some time to spare on a weekday. Contact Lee Lester on 240619 or Val Childs on 246580.

The Oxfordshire Befriending Network

Oxfordshire Befriending Network aims to improve the quality of life for those with terminal or life-threatening illness. The Network does this by providing trained volunteers to offer practical and emotional support in the home.

Befrienders visit the person at home on a weekly basis to listen, talk, go out on trips, share interests, and provide a link with local health and social services. The befriender's visit can provide a much needed break for carers and relatives. Volunteers are asked to commit up to 3 hours per week for a minimum of one year.

New befrienders are welcomed to join the training groups in March, June and September. The initial training programme is designed to prepare and protect the volunteers for the role by deepening insight and helping volunteers to confront their own fears of illness and death.

For further information contact Catherine or Sue on 01865 316 200.

Focus on local community groups

the Blues

In the last issue we featured the Blackbirds so this time we thought we'd visit another youth football outfit called the Leys Youth Football Club, otherwise known as...

They were formed in July 99 and cover the age group from 9 to 14.

They practice upstairs at the Blackbird Leys Youth Club and play friendlies against other local teams, but they are not part of a league, preferring to play in a less competitive way.

The Blues are soon starting a girls team, so any interested girls are invited to get in touch by calling Joanne or Christian on 439660.

This photo was taken at half time during a game against Marston on the field in the park by the Leisure Centre on a chilly Saturday morning in January.

Unfortunately they lost this game 4-7, but not without putting on a spirited display towards the end of the game.

The First Blackbird Leys Guides

This is a new start for the Guides in Blackbird Leys, after a gap of 11 years since the last unit disbanded, the first BBL Guides started again on March 5th just over a year ago.

They meet at the Holy Family Church Hall every Friday evening from 7 to 9.

Potential new members are very welcome just to turn up on a Friday. Ages range from 10 up to 15.

The cost is just £1 to cover hall hire.

These days the Guides have a modern look and approach – the old uniforms have gone and are at the moment replaced by a blue sweatshirt. There are new activity packs and look out for an Easter fundraising raffle

Plans for this year include a week's camp in the New Forest in the summer and a weekend at a Berkshire farmhouse.

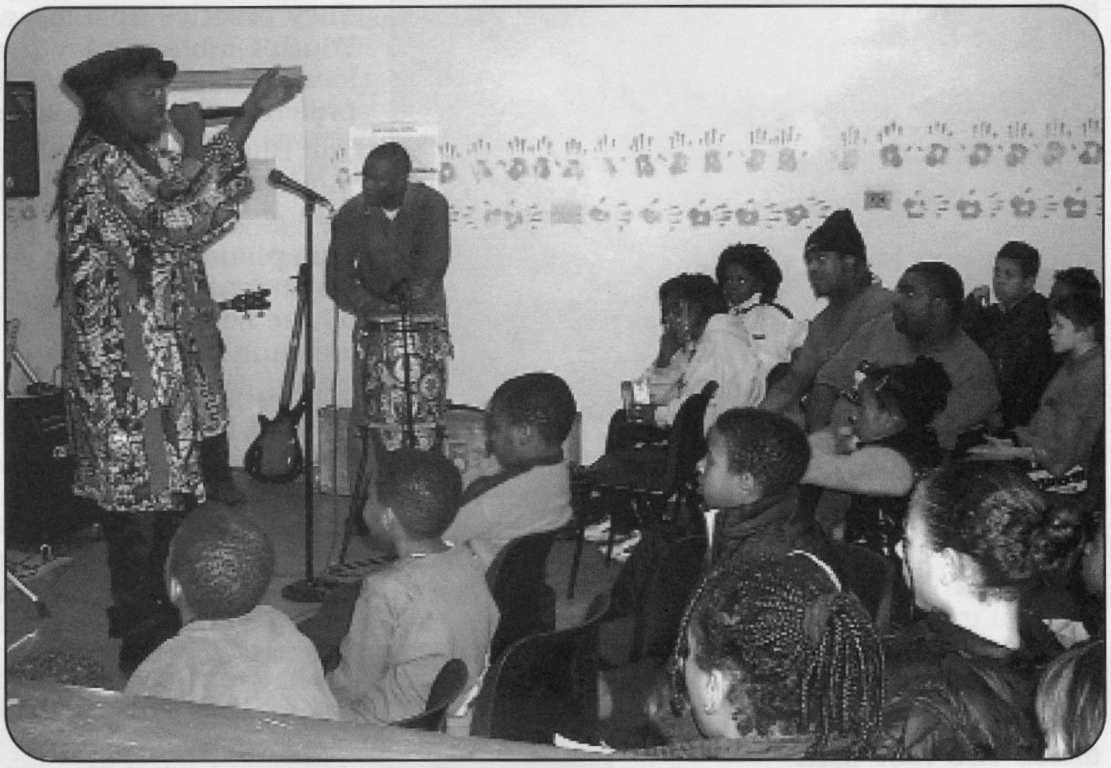
Late last year the Guides received a healthy cheque from the Blackbird Bonanza as one of the local organisations supported by them.

Photo shows some of the guides with Molly Florey, Chair of the Parish Council.

For any further information please call Jackie on 717811.

music 2000 power with The Egg, Macka B and Phil Oakley

Music Power 2000 saw the stars mix with the real people. One minute Ned, keyboardist with The Egg, is showing a group of young people how to tinker and sample, the next he's in a dinner suit playing a grand piano with Gail Porter sitting on his lap on Top of the Pops.



But that's Music Power. For the third year we brought top music and top musicians to the young people of Oxford at Blackbird Leys Youth Centre.

Over three hundred took part in the workshops ranging from Drums and Percussion to an awesome sound and vision day from **The Egg** and the UVtastic **John Blanchard**. **Macka B** graced the singing and rapping day with his own unique poetic, political and pukka reggae rap.

Then there was the **Dubwiser** crew pulling out all the stops to deliver an enormous and at times riotous orchestral jam.

The week culminated in **Sounding Off**, the fourth festival of young bands at Pegasus Theatre. We saw the good, the bad and the ugly...

Catalyst, a group of 14 year olds (and we thought officers of the law were looking young) are amazing.

Their music's not my cup of tea, but as one of our tutors who has worked with Fat Boy Slim, The Mad Professor and everybody famous said "If they're this good now what are they going to be like when they grow up" (or words to that effect).

Austen's guitarist with the hat is a pop star in the making.

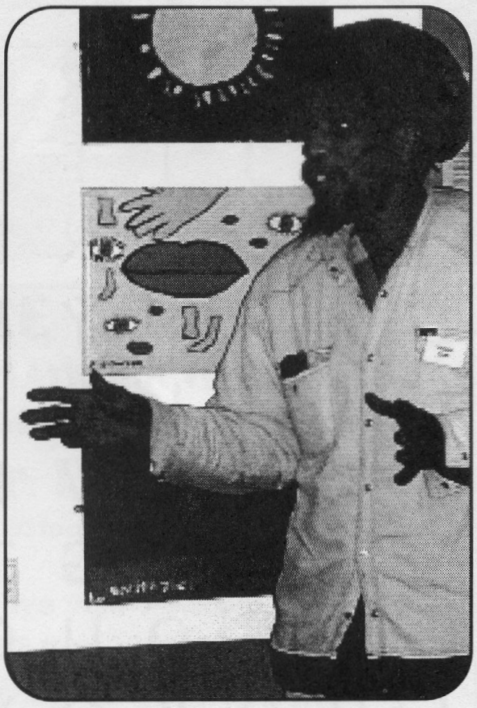
The rest kind of passed me by, thank god for John's little bar at Pegasus, other than Sexy Breakfast who we'll be reading about lots more in these pages and beyond. They've got a great bassist called Phil Oakley (not to be confused with Phil "I am the mirror man" Oakey). He's got the potential to make the dancing steps of Hank Marvin and The Shadows cool again.

Music Power lives on in the young... the middle aged and the old!

Sebastian Johnson,
CDI Youth Project Manager.

Young People's Display at the Ashmolean Museum

As we have reported before, paintings created by young people at the Summer Project last year are on display outside the cafe at the Ashmolean Museum.



On Monday 6th March we took a group of over 30 parents and young people and funders and supporters to see the display. The Ashmolean announced that they are expanding their website and will be displaying "virtual exhibitions" in the near future. Our young people's display will be the first of the virtual exhibitions and should be up and running in May or June. Their website address is www.ashmol.ox.ac.uk

The Blackbird Leys CDI's Youth Project will be doing another art project in the Easter school holiday with a trip to the Ashmolean provisionally planned for Thursday 27th April.

Look out for the posters in the next few weeks or contact Sebastian or Teddy at the Youth Centre on 396490 for more details.

Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

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BLAP Easter Playscheme

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8 days

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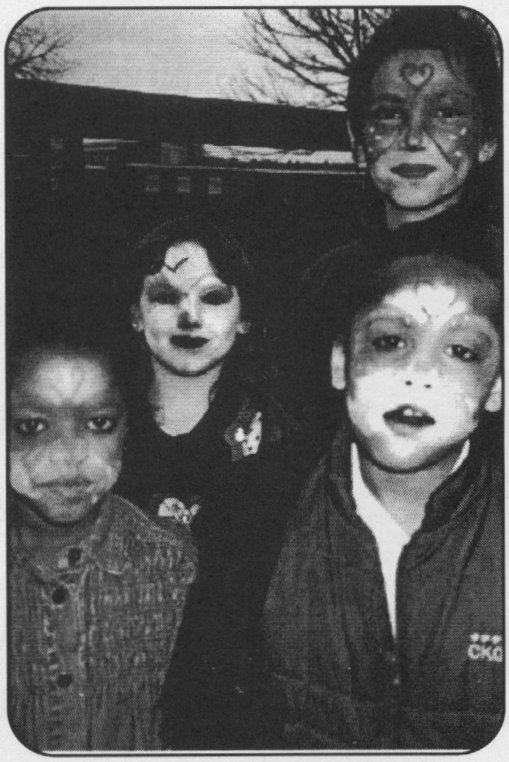
9.30 – 12 and 1 –4.30 each day.

Closed from 12 – 1. 50p per session or £1 for the whole day.

Play • art activities • games indoors and out

In termtime the After School Club is from 3 to 5.15 every day and costs 50p.

Saturday 17th June BLAP's very own car boot sale. £5 per table. Volunteers always wanted.



cleaner required

It will be hard to replace our current cleaner, but Blackbird Leys CDI's Youth Project requires a new cleaner to work a minimum of 6 hours a week over three mornings (7.30-9.30am) at Blackbird Leys Youth Centre. Duties involve cleaning the centre and acting as a key holder for emergencies. During busy periods we require the cleaner to work 5 days a week. Good hourly rate of £5 (under review) and nice friendly people. For more details and an application form contact **Sebastian at the Youth Centre on 396490.**

The Leys News Wordsearch

by K design

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Noon
Spring

Competition

Read the left over letters from the top, left to right, to uncover a hidden message. Write it down and send it along with your name, age and address to Leys News Limited,

There will be two winners, one boy and one girl, who will be chosen at random from the winning entries. The winner will be announced in the next issue and recieve the latest puzzle magazine.

Caption Competition

In the Christmas issue we printed this photograph from the Leys Fair featuring the Singing Minstrel and asked for caption suggestions.The winning title was

"If you want to know the tune, ask a policeman"

Unfortunately the postcard it was delivered on mysteriously disappeared just before we went to print. So if the person who wrote it would like to come forward, we will gladly send you your prize. Congratulations and thanks.

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LEYS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION : Gardening Competition

The Leys Residents Association is organising a gardening competition for its members on the New Part of the estate, which is Greater Leys and Falcon Close.

There are three categories, each comprises of three prizes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The categories are front garden, back garden and balconies. The judging will take place on 23 June 2000.

The prizes are provided by Cherwell Housing Trust, Ealing Family Housing Association, Oxford Citizens Housing Association, Acorn Nursery and the LRA.

Some gardening equipment is available for hire for the residents of Ealing Family Housing Association, Oxford Citizens Housing Association and Cherwell Housing Trust. For further details please call 01865 712 244.

To join the competition please complete the following application form and send it to:

The LRA, c/o The Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 7BU

Closing date is 31 May 2000.

Prizes:

	Front Garden	Back Garden	Balcony
1st	£100 vouchers	£100 vouchers	£50 vouchers
2nd	£50 vouchers	£50 vouchers	£35 vouchers
3rd	£20 vouchers	£20 vouchers	£20 vouchers

Gardening Competition Application Form

Name : .....

Address : .....

.....

Postcode : .....

Telephone : .....

Category : .....

SHARED OWNERSHIP IN OXFORD WITH NORTHCOTE

WITH RISING PROPERTY PRICES.... We'll never afford to buy a home of our own?

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Reading newspaper headlines about the current state of the property market in Oxford, you probably feel you'll never get the chance to get on the property ladder.

Don't despair, there is a way - through Shared Ownership.

Since the early nineties Northcote Housing Association has developed a total of 289 shared ownership properties on Greater Leys. Our most recent development was at Oxford Village, where 169 new homes - a mixture of 2 and 3 bedroom houses, and 1 bedroom flats and houses - were built.

NORTHCOTE
housing association

Although all the properties at Oxford Village have now been sold, we do get asked by existing shared owners to help find them buyers for their properties.
When this happens we contact people on our waiting list.
*If you are interested in finding out if you are eligible to join Northcote's waiting list contact us on **020 8840 0423.** We will then forward you information about buying through shared ownership.*

DON'T DELAY - CONTACT US TODAY... ..for a step in the right direction to a home of your own!

What is Shared Ownership?

Shared Ownership is designed to make it easier for you to buy your first home. You buy a share in a property and pay a subsidised rent to the housing association for the part you don't own. Shared Ownership gives you all the security of being a home owner, but at a lower cost.

How much will it cost?

For example, approximate monthly outgoings (mortgage, rent and service charge) for a two bedroom house valued at £86,000 and sold on a 30% equity share (£25,500) would be as follows:

£412 per month*

As a guide, we estimate that a household comprising 2 adults and 1 child would require a minimum gross yearly income of just over £20,000 to be able to meet the monthly outgoings (mortgage, rent and basic housing costs).

** The above figures are based on buying a 30% share for £25,500 at a mortgage rate of 7%. Rent at 4.3%, service charge and insurances. Rent and prices for individual properties subject to confirmation at the time of marketing.*

Interest is invited from applicants who live or work in or near Oxford or have some other connection with the City. Priority will be given to Council or Housing Association tenants vacating a home in the area and applicants nominated by oxford City Council, or who are registered on the Council's Housing Register. Properties will be allocated in accordance with the association's allocations policy and will be subject to confirmation by Oxford City Council.

Shared Ownership - Let it work for you!

Northcote Housing Association Ltd, St James' House, 105-113 Broadway, West Ealing, London, W13 9BE.

New Courses in May In Blackbird Leys

Easter School

Monday 17 April – Thursday 20 April
Tuesday 25 April – Friday 28 April
A selection of 4 day courses, including holiday courses for children.

Summer Term

May-July 2000
A full range of courses at our Blackbird Leys and City Centre Campus

Summer School

July – August 2000
A broad range of courses for your summer term enjoyment at our Blackbird Leys and City Centre Campus

For further information phone (01865) 269333

OXFORD COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION

East and South Oxford Community Education Tel. 01865 712094

Site Supervisor Required for Evening Classes

We are looking for a person to work two evenings a week 6.30-9.30 in a Secondary School where Adult Education Classes are held. Please telephone 01865 712094 for Application Form, Job Description and Person Specification. The post will start in September 2000 and is term time only.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

East and South Oxford Community Education Tel. 01865 712094

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for a Treasurer to serve on our new Management Committee. You will be asked to:

- Oversee the financial administration (EASOCEC employs a book keeper)
- Attend Management Committee Meetings (four each year)
- Attend Finance Meetings mainly dealing with budgetting (twice a year)
- Be interested in Community Education and developing its provision

Can you read a financial statement and balance sheet and understand the basic principals of budgeting..... YES!! This is a voluntary post with the possibility of an honorarium.
Then please contact Pam Coleman or John Watmough on 01865 712094 for further information.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

JOB OPPORTUNITY
LEYS FAIR CO-ORDINATOR

for Leys Fair on Saturday 23rd September 2000

The Leys Fair Steering Group is looking for a Leys Fair co-ordinator for 15 days work to be spread out between 1st May and approx 6th Oct 2000.

The job is to co-ordinate the planning of the Leys Fair, bookings, volunteers etc, and to co-ordinate the activities on the day. It would include taking minutes at Steering Group meetings and preparing a final budget statement.

Rate of Pay £8/hour (7 hours/day)

Contact Wendy on 712244 or call in at the Farmhouse for details before Wednesday 12th April.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
RELIEF CARETAKER

Ealing Family Housing Association is looking for a relief caretaker to oversee the community buildings during evenings and at weekends either full-time or sharing on a week on/week off rota.

Hours: approx 10 per week

Rates of Pay £5.50/hour

Contact Tracey on 712244 or call in at the Farmhouse for details.

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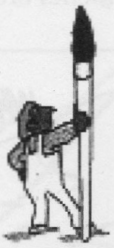

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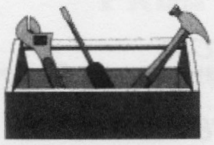


A.S.C. General builders
Phone 01865 452771
Fax: 01865 436285
E mail: asmallerco@aol.com

...from the Blackbird Leys Advice Centre...

Bailiffs : Know your Rights

If you cannot pay your debts, you may find yourself in the unfortunate position of being visited at home by bailiffs. This article gives some information about your rights in this situation, and how to avoid it arising in the first place. It is always best to seek advice from an advice centre, CAB or solicitor as soon as possible.

Bailiffs who have authority from a competent court have the right to peacefully enter premises to seize goods, whether with the consent of a person inside, or through an open door or window. Once a bailiff has obtained entry, he or she will often seek to take 'walking possession' of goods inside. Once this has been done, a bailiff can return and can force entry if necessary in order to seize goods.

With rare exceptions involving collection of money owed to the Inland Revenue or Customs and Excise, bailiffs do not have the right to force entry to anyone's home unless they have previously gained access to the property. However, goods left outside the home, such as cars, could still be taken.

In some instances, the bailiffs may ask the police to accompany them if they are worried that they may encounter violence. Police attendance is very rare and is to prevent a breach of the peace, not to help the bailiff seize goods.

Some items will not be seized by bailiffs. These include clothing, beds, bedding and work tools.

COUNTY COURT JUDGEMENTS

If you are sued in the County Court for debts which you cannot pay, you should send back the reply form giving full details of your income and expenditure, and any other debts you have, so that the Court can decide how much you can afford to pay each month towards the debt.

If you do not provide this information, the Court is likely to order you to pay all the money straight away or at a rate you cannot afford, but you can apply for this order to be varied to give you time to pay, even after the bailiffs are involved. You can ask court staff how to do this, or seek help from a CAB or advice centre.

MAGISTRATES COURT FINES

If you are convicted of a criminal offence and are likely to be fined, you should give the court details of your income and expenditure. The magistrates will take this into account, both in the amount of the fine imposed, and in the rate of repayments ordered.

If you do not pay the fine and do not keep in touch with the magistrate's court, a warrant will be sent to a private firm of bailiffs. If this happens, you should still write to the court giving reasons why you need time to pay. You can still ask for a means enquiry at which the magistrates will consider your income and how much you can afford to pay. However the bailiff cannot be compelled to return the warrant to the court, and is only likely to do so if they decide that they are not going to be able to get access to any goods or payment.

COUNCIL TAX/POLL TAX

Oxford City Council uses its own bailiffs to enforce these debts, but it is likely to start using private firms in the near future. You can contact the City Council's offices to make an arrangement to pay the debt. The Council's Debt Help Scheme can help if you have more than one debt owed to the City Council.

PARKING TICKETS

These are now enforced by a private firm of certified bailiffs. If you receive a notice from the bailiffs and cannot pay the amount demanded, you should seek advice.

CHANGING THE LAW

Blackbird Leys Advice Centre feels that the law does not regulate bailiffs adequately and often does not distinguish between people who refuse to pay and those who just do not have enough money. If you have any views on this issue or would like to get involved in our social policy campaigns, please contact the advice centre.

Opportunities for volunteers at BLAC

Blackbird Leys Advice Centre is recruiting for volunteers. The Advice Centre offers a structured training programme to enable volunteers to participate in the workplace. Past volunteers have gone on to full time work as administrators, clerical workers, advice workers and onto higher education using the skills learnt during their time here.

Anyone who is interested, please contact the Advice Centre on 770206 and ask for Agnes Smith.

AS A SAVING MEMBER OF

BLACKBIRD LEYS CREDIT UNION

YOU CAN HAVE LOANS FOR A FRACTION OF THE COST CHARGED BY LOAN COMPANIES

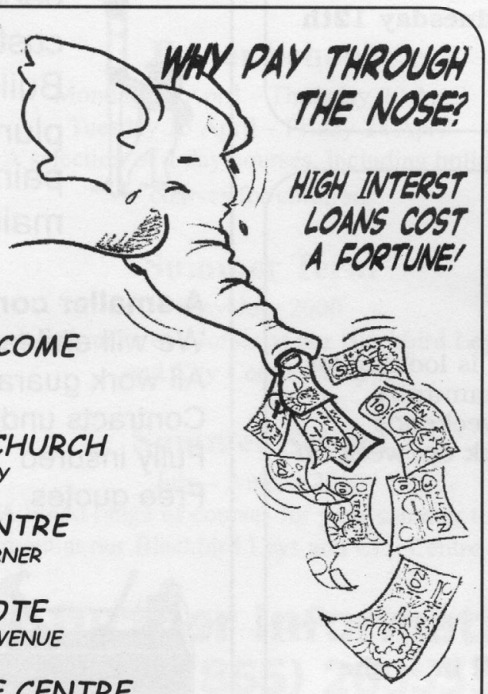
RING 773098 FOR DETAILS OR COME TO ONE OF THE COLLECTIONS

MONDAY 10-11 HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
CUDDESDON WAY

TUESDAY 11-11.45 FAMILY CENTRE
CUDDESDON CORNER

WEDNESDAY 12-1 THE DOVECOTE
NIGHTINGALE AVENUE

SATURDAY 10.30-11.30 ADVICE CENTRE
TOP SHOPS



What are we up to? March 2000

We have now employed a clerical assistant, Elaine Martin, in our Pathways office, who started with us in January, as a result of our advertisement in the last Leys News. Because of this appointment our office in Pathways is now open from 9 until 4 Monday to Thursday and from 9 to 2.45 on Fridays.

At the moment we are still awaiting news on our National Lottery application for future funding, the result of this will not be known until sometime in April. In the meantime we are applying to other funders in order to keep the project going.

As you may know, the CDI supports the voluntary Pre-Schools in Blackbird Leys. Sadly, it is with regret that we have to report the closure of Rainbow Playgroup. We would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work over the past years. Happily all the children who attended Rainbow were offered places within other pre-schools on Blackbird Leys - Shepherd's Hill, Blackbird Leys Pre-School and the Family Support Group.

At the moment we are helping to support the new Saturday Club running at the Dovecote between 10 and 1, and also the Easter Playscheme, which will run over both weeks of the Easter Holiday. If you would like more information about the out of school facilities at the Dovecote please phone Carol on 712299.

For any further information about the Families and Under Eights Project or would like to come and visit us, please phone 717701 or e mail to u8p@bblcdi99.freeserve.co.uk .

Blackbird Leys Community CDI Development Initiative

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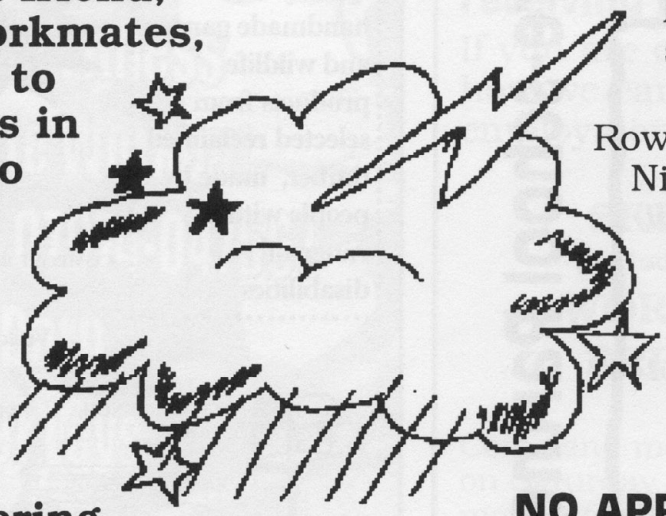
Not seeing Eye-To-Eye with Someone?

Whether it's a neighbour, a friend, family or workmates, we can help to nip problems in the bud or to calm things down.



We could help you to deal with a problem yourself or bring all involved together to improve things - it would be up to you!

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

From 5th April, we are setting up a brand new service!

Rowen will be at The Barn, Nightingale Avenue every Wednesday afternoon 1.30 - 3.30pm

You can pop in for an informal chat to find out more or to begin to get things sorted.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

FREE and CONFIDENTIAL

Oxford Community Mediation 742439

SRB5 capacity building

a community development partnership

The scheme's second main achievement so far has been the employment of two community jobs in Blackbird Leys, one is a neighbourhood co-ordinator and the other is a resource worker. They should both be working in the community by mid April, based at the Community Centre and will begin to make a difference to the way the whole project unrolls. (The first was getting the award in the first place).

Briefly there are 5 key projects

INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY - local community decision making and information and an exciting idea to build and network 4 community access IT Hubs around the estate and much more.

THE SHOP FRONT PROJECT – a permanent home for the whole project and the Credit Union .

TRAINING AND SUPPORT – all the training and employment possibilities and opportunities together in one place with help and support.

COMMUNITY SAFETY – building a integral local strategy for community safety – looking at policing, crime and anti social behaviour.

THE KINGFISHER GREEN PROJECT - bringing an empty shell into existence as a community home for the Leys Residents Association and Leys News Limited (that's us).

Some £600,000 over the 5 years has been awarded by SEEDA, (the South East England Development Agency), but this will be substantially added to by the City and County Councils, both in cash and in kind, as well as several other organisations.

Who is involved?

Blackbird Leys Community Development Initiative • Leys News Limited • Blackbird Leys Credit Union • Leys Residents Association • Blackbird Leys Housing Consortium • Oxford City Council • Blackbird Leys Parish Council • Oxfordshire County Council • Blackbird Leys Pre-Schools Partnership • The Oxford Partnership (Business Working with the Community) • Heart Of England TEC...

How to find out more?

Leys News will be publishing regular updates and news in every upcoming issue. Otherwise look out for posters, notices, flyers and billboards.

Blackbird Leys

Family Support Group
Holy Family Church
Tel: 01865 779584.

Blackbird Leys Preschool
Moorbank
Tel: 01865 747166.

Shepherds Hill Preschool
Dovecote Centre
Nightingale Avenue
Tel: 01865 779504

Pre-school Partnership

Here are three Pre-schools in your area who have vacancies for 3-5 yr olds.

Pathway Workshop

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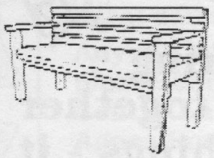

PEDESTAL BIRD TABLE

Monday to Thursday 8.30 to 5pm
Fridays 8.30 to 4pm

The Pathway Workshop
Dunnock Way (end of Windale Avenue)
Blackbird Leys OX4 5EX

Phone: 714111
Fax: 715111

enquiries@pathway-workshop.org.uk
www.pathway-workshop.org.uk

OXFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION GROUP

Oxford Community Education Group is a voluntary group providing support for African Caribbean Children and Young People in school. This Group was established in 1997, by a group of African Caribbean parents who were concerned about their children's education. One of our aims is to support parents and guardians in supporting their children in education.

REGULAR PARENTS MEETINGS
BLACKBIRD LEYS COMMUNITY CENTRE
THURSDAYS 12 - 2
for further details please contact
Blackbird Leys Youth Centre on 778800
(24 hr answerphone)
OCEG is supported by
Blackbird Leys C.D.I. and
Oxfordshire County Council.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Blackbird Leys Community CDI
Charity No. 1049534
Development Initiative

NEW PARENT'S GROUP

Starting on Friday 5th May 2000
in term time only at the Dovecote
Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys
from 10.30 to 12.00

This is a drop-in session by Homestart. The session is for new parents or parents to be for the first time.

It is hoped that the group will provide an opportunity for new and expecting parents to come together and socialise. It will be an ideal place to learn together, share information, ideas and experience, The group will be organised by you, the new parents and will develop to meet you and your child's needs.

Oxford HOME-START needs volunteers.
Could you offer friendly and sympathetic help to families with young children needing support? Phone Lyn on **779991** for any further details.

HOME-START OXFORD
Cowley Parish Hall, Between
Towns Road, Cowley
Oxford, OX4 3LZ.

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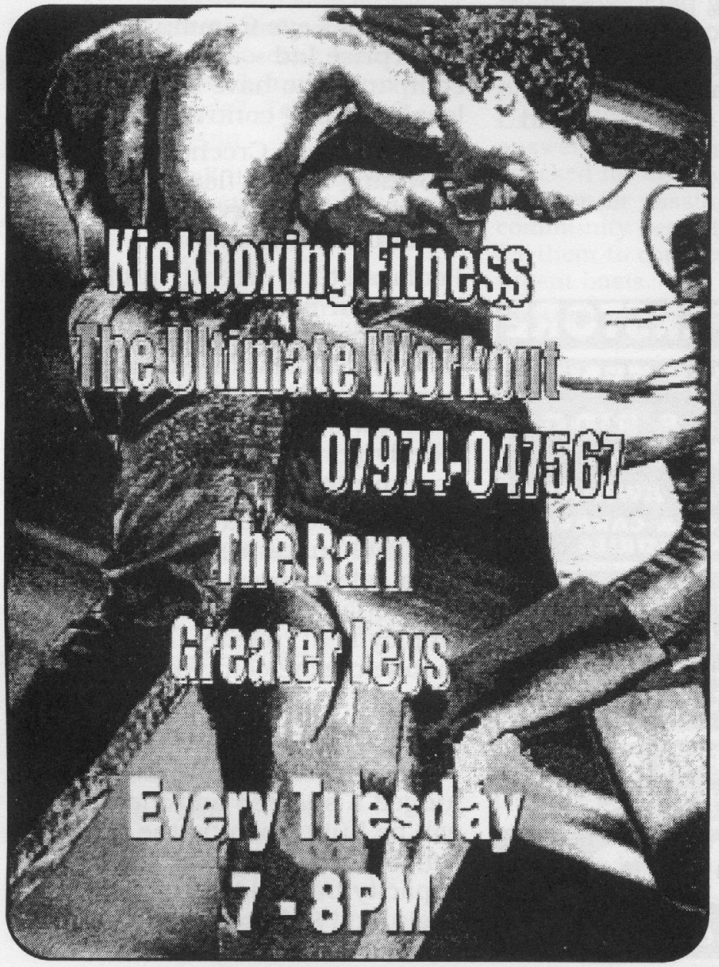

Lone Parent Project

Are you a lone parent receiving Income Support?

If you are contact us to find out how we can help with training and employment opportunities.

SKILLS TRAINING
(including free driving lessons)
WORK EXPERIENCE
FREE CHILDCARE

Come and meet us at Templars Square on Saturday 8th April to pick up some more information and for a friendly chat or phone 249254.

new deal for lone parents

SRB2 report

A project funded through the Government's Single Regeneration Budget Challenge Fund

The end of scheme celebration was held on 31st March at the Barn. The SRB2 initiative started in April 1996 and finished at the end of March 2000. The scheme has been guided through its life span by a steering group consisting of representatives from Oxford City Council, Ealing Family Housing Association, Oxfordshire Co-operative Development Agency, the Young Builders Trust, Blackbird Leys Parish Council, Community Development Initiative, the Pathway Sheltered Workshop, Pegasus Court Tenants Association, the Holy Family Church, Oxfordshire County Council – Social Services and the heart of England TEC.

What has the scheme achieved?

New homes for tenants at Pegasus Court.

In May 93 tenants at Pegasus Court formed a Tenants Association to work together to do something about the terrible housing conditions they were living in. After many discussions with Oxford City Council and Ealing Family Housing Association it was agreed that the best way forward would be for everyone to be re-housed and to redevelop the site. So the 108 existing flats were demolished and in their place came 69 traditionally built new homes. The building was funded by Oxford City Council, the Housing Corporation and private finance raised by Ealing Family. Willmott Dixon Housing Ltd. were the main building contractors.

The new development comprises of 29 houses and 28 two bedroom flats and 12 flats for young single people in housing need, who worked with the contractor to build the flats as part of a training, housing and employment project.

Another part of this housing development was the setting up of a Tenant Management Organisation (TMO)

Tenants now have the opportunity to take over some of the management with training and support.

Training Opportunities

Accredited training packages have been provided on construction and building maintenance skills, carpentry, information technology, social care skills and business management.

179 local people completed accredited courses, of whom 96 gained emplyment.

Over 30 disabled people each year have successfully completed accredited training at the Pathway Sheltered Workshop.

The scheme has directly crerated 6 full time jobs and 102 full time construction jobs and also safeguarded 11 further jobs.

In collaboration with a private sector nursing home operator the SRB scheme has contributed towards the building of a nursing home for the elderly in Grenoble Road.

Community Businesses

Four have been established during the life of the scheme.

Including this one, Leys News Ltd delivered quarterly to every house in the whole of Blackbird Leys.

Blackbird Leys Communty Enterprise Ltd – a cleaning company who have secured many local cleaning contracts.

Oxford Mobile Creche Ltd – providing a local flexible and mobile creche service to the community and beyond.

Pedlars Ltd. Currently undergoing restructuring, Pedlars has offered a therapeutic occupational service for people recovering from mental health problems. Pedlars has run a sandwich delivery service, an elderly persons lunch club and a community café.

20 local people have gained employment and 6 jobs have been safeguarded plus there has been a fair amount of casual employment, mostly through the mobile creche company.

Through a lot of hard work and co-operation the scheme can be judged a success and the results will be built upon by the new SRB scheme SRB5 – community based capacity building which is just beginning in Blackbird Leys.

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Useful Numbers

General

Abandoned vehicles. These are a danger to our children. Telephone Environmental Health 252818.

Street lighting. Faulty lights please telephone freephone 0800 317802 and report the number on the lamp.

Dog nuisance. Telephone 252914 and tell the dog warden about the animals. Out of hours 240924.

Pollution. Have you seen pollution in our streams and rivers? Call the Environment Agency on (0800) 807060.

Junk mail. If you wish to limit the receipt of unsolicited mail, write to the mailing preference service, FREEPOST 22 London W1E (no stamp required). They will send you a form on which to request their member organisations not to send you unsolicited mail. IT IS FREE and IT WORKS.

Garden Refuse. The City Council will provide green waste sacks at 50p each, and collect up to two sacks per week. Tel. 725912 .

Pavement hazards and crumbling roads. Loose slabs, broken kerb stones, blocked road drains, gravel and silt after floods? Tel. 747390.

Noise. Call 252556.

Pest control. Call the Bug Busters at Environmental Health on 252384.

Bulk Rubbish Collection. Don't fall over it! Call 725912.

Oxford Community Mediation: For help in sorting disputes - neighbours, friends, family, work, groups, etc. Tel: 742439.

Blackbird Leys Parish Council: 712620

Cuddesdon Family Centre: 773263

Adventure Playground: 747704

Leisure Centre: 771565

Peers Sport Centre: 779348

Doctors Surgery: 778244

Advice Centre: 770206

Youth Centre: 772886

Dovecote Centre: 712299

Swimming Pool: 779843

B.B Leys Library: 770403

Health Visitors: 715689

Syringes/needles: 249811

Housing

City Council Local Housing Offices Blackbird Leys 3 Cuddesdon Way, Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 5JH. Tel: 718811. Open all day Monday to Thursday 9am until 5pm. Friday 9am until 4.30pm. Out of hours emergency service for Oxford City Council Tenants. Blackbird Leys Tenants Forum, 2nd Monday of each month at the Housing Office as above.

Cherwell Housing Trust : (Graham Byrne) 722711.

Ealing Family Housing Association (Elaine Partridge/Rhiannon Jones): 712244 or fax 712121.

Oxford Citizens Housing Association (Phil Hardy & Linda Watson). Blackbird Leys Office: 714509 or fax 717404. For repairs and Head Office: 773000.

Northcote Housing Association: Tel: Oxford 712244.

Leys Residents Association. Make sure your voice is heard. To positively contribute to improvements to the new part of Blackbird Leys Contact the association at: The Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys. Tel: 770951.

Oxford Housing Rights Centre: Free, independent and confidential housing advice. Tel: 247853.

Police

Community Beat Officers: Sgt Steph Cook, PC Martin Biddell, PC Bill Pennington and Wpc Hoddinot: Oxford 335136/8. This is an answerphone that may not get checked for 48 hours. Use this number for passing info to community beat officers or requests for them to contact you on a non-urgent basis.

Customer Services: This is answered in person 90% of the time. Use this number for reporting incidents that do not need police attendance, eg: theft of cycles, minor damage etc., with no witnesses. Call Oxford 266333.

Oxford Control Room: This number will be answered by the switchboard - please ask for Oxford Control Room. To report crime or an incident that DOES require police attendance. Call Oxford 266000.

Cowley Police Station: 749909.

Family Protection Unit: on 335200.

Crime Stoppers: Freephone 0800 555111. For confidential information for Community Police Officers.

Police Emergency: Just call 999. For threats to life or crime that is taking place as you see it, eg: an assault or burglary that is taking place.

Councillors Surgeries

11 - 12 EVERY SATURDAY AT THE LEISURE CENTRE until the community centre is open again.

1st Apr TS	3rd Jun TS
8th Apr VS	10th Jun VS
15th Apr DE	17th Jun
22nd Apr TS	24th Jun TS
29th Apr VS	1st Jul VS
6th May	8th Jul
13th May TS	15th Jul TS
20th May VS	22nd Jul VS
27th May	

Where possible we do try and stick to the Councillors listed - but obviously this can change due to holidays, sickness, mayoral duties etc. Dates without initials will be hosted by a new councillor following the local elections.

David Elwell: 724685 (until May elections)

Val Smith: 772893. (Val will not be Lord Mayor next year - so there should be no changes to surgeries).

Tony Stockford: 779795.

Andrew Smith MP Surgeries

7th April - 4 - 5.30pm Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre – Temporary until the Community Centre re-opens

21st April - 6 - 7pm Rose Hill Community Centre

5th May - 4 - 5.30pm Princes Street Advice Centre

19th May - 6 - 7pm Cowley Community Centre & Rose Hill Community Centre

2nd June - 4 - 5.30pm Blackbird Leys Leisure or Community Centre

16th June - 6 - 7pm Rose Hill Community Centre

7th July - 4 - 5.30pm Princes Street Advice Centre

21st July - 6 - 7pm Cowley Community Centre & Rose Hill Community Centre

For an appointment ring Oxford 772893.

Weekly Events

Monday

Drop in creche 9.30-12.30

The Dovecote term time only £1.50 per child

Credit Union 10-11 Holy Family Church

After School Club 3.15-4.45 5-12 years 50p The Dovecote

After School Club 3-5.15 50p Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

Tuesday

Career Guidance 9-1 CFE Library

Credit Union 11-11.45 Cuddesdon Corner

After School Club 3.15-4.45 5-12 years 50p The Dovecote

After School Club 3-5.15 50p Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

Karate 6-8pm The Barn

Self Defence 8-9pm The Barn

AA Drop in 7-9.pm the Dovecote

Wednesday

New Ol' Leys lunch club 12-2 The Dovecote

Credit Union 12-1 The Dovecote

Community Mediation Drop in The Barn 1.30-3.30

Leys Residents Association Drop in 2-3 The Clockhouse

After School Club 3.15-4.45 5-12 years 50p The Dovecote

After School Club 3-5.15 50p Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

Gymnastics 4-6 The Leisure Centre

Youth Club 6.45 - 9pm The Barn

Thursday

Career Guidance 9-1 CFE Library

Carer and Toddler Group 10-11.30 Dovecote

After School Club 3.15-4.45 5-12 years 50p The Dovecote

After School Club 3-5.15 50p Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

Weight Watchers 6.45-8.15 The Barn

Friday

After School Club 3.15-4.45 5-12 years 50p The Dovecote

After School Club 3-5.15 50p Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

Self Defence (2 age groups) 6-9 The Barn

Bingo 7-9.30pm The Clockhouse

Girl Guides 7-9pm Holy Family Church

Saturday

Karate Club 10-11 5-12 The Barn

Credit Union 10.30-11.30 Advice Centre

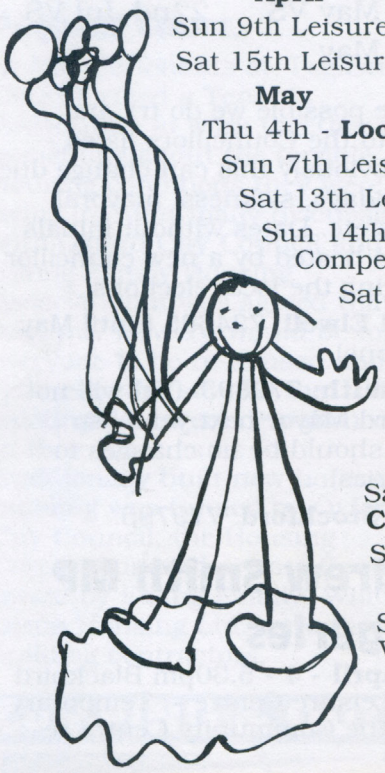
Councillors Surgeries 11-12 (temporarily at the Leisure Centre until the Community Centre is open again)

Sunday

Elim Church 5.30-8.30pm The Barn

If you would like to see your event listed here please let us know.

Forthcoming Local Events



April

Sun 9th Leisure Centre - **Martial Arts** Competition

Sat 15th Leisure Centre - **Computer Fair**

May

Thu 4th - **Local elections**

Sun 7th Leisure Centre - **Dog Show**

Sat 13th Leisure Centre - **Under 8's Fair**

Sun 14th Leisure Centre - **Martial Arts** Competition

Sat 20th Leisure Centre - **Computer Fair**

June

Wed 14th - **Leys News 19 Deadline.**

Sat 17th Leisure Centre - **Computer Fair**

July

Sat 1st South Park - **OOMF! Millennium Celebration**

Sat 15th Leisure Centre - **Computer Fair**

August

Sun 6th Blackbird Leys - **Positive** Vibrations

September

Sat 23rd Blackbird Leys Park - **Leys Fair**

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It's that time again!

Under 8'S Fair

Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre

Saturday 13th May 11-2

Come along to the Under Eight's fair for a packed day out. Activities, stalls, story-telling, parachute games, jester, special guests and lots more! It's a great way of finding out what's going on for your child whilst having fun.For more information or if your early years group would like a stall:

Call Vicki Cullen on 722667 or Pete Whelpy on 773263 or Carol Marsland on 768431.

LEYS TRAINING

spring 2000

Welcome to this issue, the Spring edition of Leys Training, brought to you by the CDI, with support from Oxford City Council and produced in association with Leys News.

Within these four pages there are many training opportunities for local people to access, from IT skills at Cowley Training Centre through to Community Education classes and onto the multitudes of courses on offer through the Oxford Women's Training Scheme. Take your pick, many of them are free and there are many special courses for playworkers on this page and inside too.

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The Under 8's & FAMILIES PROJECT

Oxfordshire Play Association

TAKE TEN FOR PLAY

PLAYWORK TRAINING COURSE

Tutors - Vicky Hatch & Catherine Lacey

at the **Tower Playbase**
Oxford

on 8 Tuesdays from 7-9.30pm
and 2 Saturdays from 10am -12.30pm
starting on 9th May

information and details from Vicky Hatch
Oxfordshire Play Association
Agriculture House
Enysham
Oxon OX8 1TW
01865 880900

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SUMMER IN THE CITY

Community Education will be running short courses in the Summer Term including

- ⇨ **FREE Preparing for GCSE Maths or English**
- ⇨ **Daytime Yoga**
- ⇨ **Indian Cookery**
- ⇨ **Computers**
- ⇨ **And much more!!**

LOOK out for the Summer in the City leaflet in April through schools, libraries, shops, doctors etc

or you could call us on 727148

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Cowley Training Centre

7 Bobby Fryer Close
Cowley
OXFORD
OX4 2SR
Tel: 01865-776876

A partnership between Oxford City Council and Oxford College of Further Education

Learn new skills - half-price or free!

Free computer courses for unwaged people

Computers Don't Bite Morning Course,
An introduction to computers over two mornings.
Come and learn the basics to get started.
17 & 24 May, 9:30 - 12:30

Internet First Steps Morning Course,
Find out how the World Wide Web works and how you can use it to find information, shop online and send emails
7 & 14 April, 9:30 - 12:30

Other beginners' computer courses
(50% discount for unwaged people or voluntary organisations)
In Touch with Computers, £40
In Touch with Word Processing, £40
In Touch with the Internet, £40
Ring for dates
Beginners in computing are especially welcome to come and learn the skills needed for many of today's jobs
For details of the full range of courses just call us at the Centre.

a conference with a difference

MAKE SPACE

9.30 to 4
Saturday 6th
Oxford Town

Speakers

Pat Petrie
Director of Out of School Studies, University of London

Anne Longfield
Kids Club Network

for information contact
Catherine Lacey at **PARASOL** 742816
Vicky Hatch at OPA 880900
or Claire Taylor OCC 252812

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Second Chance to Learn

WEA THAMES AND SOLENT

is a FREE daytime course with a FREE creche.
If you have few or no formal qualifications and would like to return to study or employment, this course is for you.
There will be an information meeting at **Florence Park Family Centre** on **Tuesday 11th April at 1.30pm.**
The course will run every Tuesday (except half term) between 9.30am and 2.30pm from 4th May to 18th July.
For further information contact Pearl Ryall on **01993 844886.**

The WEA Margaret Sanders Branch is hoping to run a short **Decorating and Design** course this summer. If you are interested and would like more information when it is available - call Pearl on the number above.

Women, don't miss your chance to learn a new skill, gain confidence and a recognized qualification.

OXFORD WOMENS TRAINING SCHEME

Call the
Oxford Women's Training Scheme
now on **741317**
to enrol for your place on the following courses

Woodwork
Painting and Decorating
Computing
with training support
Multiskills

new courses start on MAY 2

free training **free onsite creche** **help with travel costs**

and further courses in September

OWTS is funded by Oxford City Council, The European Community, the European Social Fund and the Government's Challenge Fund.

FOR PLAY

May 2000
Hall

exhibitions
workshops
arts play
outdoor play
presentations
by children & young people
creche
(limited spaces)

king details coming soon

Give it some OOMF!

Your chance to participate in a huge spectacular arts and music based project. Would you as a resident of Blackbird Leys like to join in or be part of a Visual Design workshop to build processional images for OOMF! - Oxfordshire's own Millennium Festival?

The imagery made will tell the story of Oxfordshire. Community members from around the county, local artists, an award winning design team and miracle sticky tape technology will all combine to create a major millennium event in Oxford this summer. There are also opportunities for music performance.

Register your interest now, and we will send you a Joining-In Pack. Phone Sue on 203345.

Oxfordshire 2000

The PARASOL Project
Registered Charity No:1055914

FREE TRAINING FOR PLAY WORKERS

17th-21st JULY
and 26th & 27th JULY

Topics include Arts and Crafts, Child Protection, Games and Sports, Legislation & Safety and more

at Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre

further details from Rachel Kay on 742816

PathwayWorkshop

Dunnock Way Blackbird Leys
offers FREE training
within their purpose built workshop
leading to Certificates in
Preparation for Practical Work and
Basic Woodwork Skills

Accredited courses through Oxfordshire Open College Network

The Pathway Workshop provides opportunities for people with physical disabilities, learning impairment, recovering mental health - or otherwise disadvantaged. Individuals benefit from a real work environment, while acquiring training in basic and social skills to improve their future job prospects.

Phone 714111 for further details or to arrange a visit

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Contact numbers of local training providers
please call them directly to find out more

Abingdon College	01235 555585
Able Open Learning Centre	776334
Adult Basic Skills Unit	778827
Blackbird Leys Advice Centre	770206
Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre	771565
Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground	747704
Bloomin Arts	245735
Citizens Advice Bureau St Aldates	247578
CDI Youth Project	396490
Chinese Community & Advice Centre	204188
Community Ed (English for speakers of other languages)	728688
Cowley Community Education	727148
Cowley Training Centre	776876
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre	243447
Dialability Help Line	791818
East & South Oxford Community Education	712094
Ethnic Minority Business Service	794431
Headington Area Community Education	768359
Littlemore Community Education	712094
Learning Link - Heart of England TEC	200466
New Start Adult Guidance	798081
OCDA	772822
Open University	328034
Oxford Benefits Agency	443333
Oxford Brookes University	741111
Oxford Careers Centre	790716
Oxford Unemployed Workers & Claimants Union	723750
Ox College of Further Ed (Open Learning)	250103
Oxford College of Further Education	245871/748880
Oxford Film & Video Makers	741682
Oxford Job Centre	445000
Ox County Council Student Grants Section	815433
Oxfordshire Play Association	880900
Oxford Womens Training Scheme	741317
The PARASOL Project	742816
Pathway Project	714111
PEEP	395145
PEEP Learning Bridge	749692
Plater College	741676
Pre School Learning Alliance	245154
Restore	790193
Ruskin College Learning Project	554331
Save the Children	792662
Thames Business Advice Centre	249279
TRAX	243077
Univ of Oxford Dept for Continuing Education	270312
WEA (general enquiries)	246270
WEA (local activities)	361841
Women's Institute (Denman College)	391991
Westminster College (Dept Contin. Ed)	247644

Bloomin arts Ltd

East Oxford Community Centre Princes Street
Oxford 245735

Currently running
FREE African Textile Sessions for African Women
with Sayi Ogunjobi
traditional crafts of Batik and Tie Dye
on Wednesdays from 12.45 - 2.45

Asian Textile Sessions for Asian Women
on Thursdays at the Asian Cultural Centre with creche

drop by for a latest programme or call us on
245735

for
details about
spring and
summer
courses at
Oxford Film and Video Makers

OXFORD FILM & VIDEO MAKERS
OFVM

please
contact Sue on 741682 or 760074

some courses are free to
people claiming benefit.

community computers

Are you a member of a community group or local Blackbird Leys organisation and need access to a computer and printer?

Do you need to produce letters, write up minutes or produce publicity?

We invite you to come and use our 2 specially designated community PC's

Located at the CDI Under 8's Project, upstairs at the Pathway Office, Dunnock Way, Blackbird Leys. Contact Jenny on **717701** to find out more information and to book a time.